

**2020/2021 School Profile**  
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**Vision of the Griswold High School Graduate**

<p><b><u>Effective Communicator</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to communicate effectively and confidently through writing, speaking, listening, presenting, collaborating and other forms of creative expression.</p>	<p><b><u>Resilient Problem Solver</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to achieve goals by taking risks, and solving problems with flexibility, strategic planning, attention to detail and perseverance.</p>
<p><b><u>Critical Thinker</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to gather and evaluate information, analyze objectively, form a judgment, develop a hypothesis, and initiate inquiry through the mastery of multiple literacies.</p>	<p><b><u>Engaged Citizen</u></b></p> <p>The Griswold graduate demonstrates an ability to engage in service-oriented and civic-minded activities and to utilize cultural literacy and integrity to make responsible and culturally-sensitive decisions.</p>

**The Community**

*Griswold, which includes the Borough of Jewett City, is a rural community located in Eastern Connecticut. In addition to educating Griswold Students, the High School is a tuition school to the bordering towns of Canterbury, Lisbon, Norwich, Preston, Sprague, and Voluntown. With power from the Quinebaug and Pachaug rivers, Jewett City was once a prosperous mill town. Today, the gaming, tourism & manufacturing industries provide job opportunities.*

## The School

*Griswold High School is a four-year comprehensive high school which offers a variety of curricular & co-curricular programs. Accredited through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Griswold offers six Career Pathways that provide college and career preparation for all students. In addition to a rigorous academic program, there are numerous other student-centered athletic, artistic and leadership opportunities. During the 2020/2021 school year, there are 535 students enrolled. In the 2019/2020 school year, 42% of students received free or reduced lunch.*

## The Faculty

*Griswold High School has a total of 53 academic faculty, 3 school counselors, a reading specialist, a library media specialist, an English Language Learner assistant, an academic academy coordinator, an instructional specialist, a school psychologist, and a school social worker.*

## Partnerships & Special Programs:

- College Career Pathways (CCP) is an option available for concurrent credit with Three Rivers Community College or Quinebaug Valley Community College to earn College Credits.
- A Manufacturing Program was started in 2020 in collaboration with the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative
- Early College Experience (ECE) offers the opportunity for concurrent credit with the University of Connecticut
- Virtual High School (VHS) or PLATO are available to earn credit via on-line courses.
- Advanced Placement Examinations
  - AP Exams are offered in English Language, English Literature & Composition, Calculus AB & BC, Biology, Physics 1, Computer Science, US History, American Government and Politics & VHS AP Courses
    - Total number of tests given in 2020: 73
    - Test Scores of 3 or higher: 72%

## SAT Summary Class of 2019

98% of Griswold High School Seniors took the SAT

	<b>Total</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>Griswold</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>499</b>

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>Griswold</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>502</b>

The Spring assessment of the SAT for Juniors as the CT State Assessment in Reading and Math was unable to be held in March due to COVID. Unfortunately, the fall dates provided by the College Board for SAT School day did not align with our "in person" days for Seniors. Seniors have been given the opportunity to take a Saturday SAT but it should be noted that most of the area schools canceled their August test administrations due to safety concerns so the opportunity for seniors to take the SAT has been limited.

### Temporary Changes Due to COVID:

*During Spring 2020, the quarter 3 grading period was shortened by several weeks and all students received pass with distinction (averaged as 95), pass (averaged as an 85) or fail grades (averaged as a 64) for the 4th quarter. Therefore, senior class rank will be based on the students rank at the midpoint of their Junior year as reported through Naviance.*

*For the 2020/2021 school year, all students have been placed into cohort groups based on overall class level recommendations with most cohorts running on a 4 x 4 block schedule. For Advanced students taking AP courses, these courses will run for the entire year on an A/B Schedule. For safety reasons, students were not given choices in their courses so that they could remain with the same cohort group throughout the school day. Most traditional electives were not offered and many courses were modified to be better facilitated in a hybrid model or in a fully on-line environment should we need to transition in this direction. Griswold High School started the school year in a hybrid model with 2 in person days and 3 distance learning days. Students/parents can also opt for a full distance learning model.*

### Graduation Requirements: Class of 2021 & 2022

#### **24 total credits required for graduation**

<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>½ credit</b>
<b>Financial &amp; Prof Mgt.</b>	<b>½ credit</b>
<b>Art/Vocational Education</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>8 credits</b>

#### **Course Levels**

<b>Advanced</b>	<b>AP/ECE (8 courses)</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Honors (13 courses)</b>
<b>CP/Level 1</b>	<b>College Preparatory</b>
<b>Level II</b>	<b>General Education</b>
<b>Level III</b>	<b>Beginning level electives</b>

**Griswold High School is traditionally on an AB Block Schedule: 4 periods per day x A/B days**

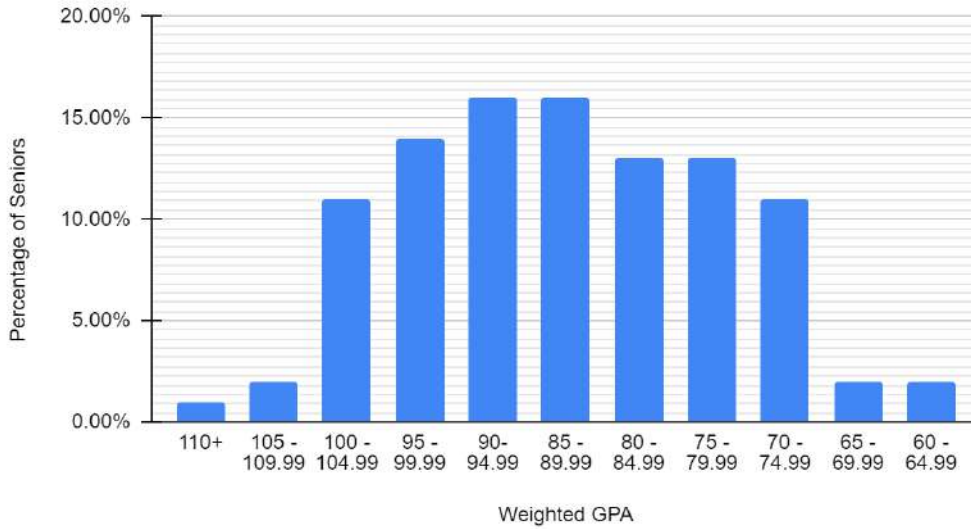
### **Grading System:**

<b>A = 90 - 100</b>
<b>B = 80 - 89</b>
<b>C = 70 - 79</b>
<b>D = 65 - 69</b>
<b>F = 64 or below</b>

### **Determining Quality Points**

<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Final Grade x 1.2 = Quality Points</b>	<b>Eg: 80 x 1.2 = 96.0</b>
<b>Honors</b>	<b>Final Grade x 1.15 = Quality Points</b>	<b>Eg: 80 x 1.15 = 92.0</b>
<b>Level I</b>	<b>Final Grade x 1.10 = Quality Points</b>	<b>Eg: 80 x 1.10 = 88.0</b>
<b>Level II</b>	<b>Final Grade x 1.05 = Quality Point</b>	<b>Eg: 80 x 1.05 = 84.0</b>
<b>Level III</b>	<b>Final Grade x 1.00 = Quality Points</b>	<b>Eg: 80 x 1.00 = 80.0</b>

Class of 2021 Weighted GPA Distribution



**Our Students (2020 Profile):**

**Post-Secondary Plans:**

*Size of Graduating Class: 123 Students*

- **Percentage attending 4 year colleges: 35%**
- **Percentage attending 2 then 4 year colleges: 16%**
- **Percentage attending 2 year colleges: 14%**
- **Percentage attending certificate/apprenticeship or training programs:5%**
- **Percentage joining Armed Forces:7%**
- **Percentage immediately joining workforce: 23%**

**Colleges & Technical Programs Attended by Griswold High School Graduates:**

Albertus Magnus College	American International College	Assumption College	Bay Path University
Becker College	Belmont University	Bentley University	Boston University
Bryant University	Castleton State College	Cedarville University	Central CT State Univ.
Champlain College	City University of New York	Clark University	College of Coastal Georgia
College of Saint Rose	Colorado State University	Community College of RI	Connecticut College
Curry College	Dean College	East Carolina University	Eastern University
Elizabethtown College	Elms College	Emerson College	Emmanuel College
Endicott College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Florida State University	Fordham University
Franklin Pierce University	Full Sail University	Goodwin College	Green Mountain College
Harvard University	High Point University	Hofstra University	Howard University
Indian River State College	Ithaca College	John Jay Coll. of the CUNY	Johnson & Wales University
Johnson State College	Keene State College	Lasalle College	Liberty University
Lincoln Technical Institute	Lynn University	Maine College of Art	Manchester Comm. College
Mass. Coll. of Art & Design	MA College of Pharm. & Health Sci.	Mass. Maritime Academy	Mitchell College
New England Inst. of Tech.	Nichols College	Northern Michigan University	Northern Vermont University
Norwich University	Ohio State University	Onondaga Comm. College	Pace University
Plymouth State University	Princeton University	Quinebaug Valley Comm. Coll.	Quinnipiac University
Palo Alto Community College	Regis College	Rhode Island College	Rochester Inst of Technology

Roger Williams University	Sacred Heart University	Salve Regina	Santa Monica College
Siena College	Southeastern University	Southern CT State University	Springfield College
St. Francis College	St. John's University	Stonehill College	Suffolk University
SUNY College of Cortland	SUNY College at Oswego	Syracuse University	The Citadel
The College of Saint Rose	The New School	Three Rivers Comm. College	Toni&Guy Hairdressing Acad.
Trinity College	US Coast Guard Academy	US Naval Academy	University of Bridgeport
University of Central Florida	University of Connecticut – Storrs	Univ. of Conn. - Avery Point	University of Hartford
University of MA @ Dartmouth	University of ME at Farmington	University of ME at Machias	University of Maryland
University of MA at Boston	University of New England	University of New Hampshire	University of New Haven
University of Ohio	University of Rhode Island	University of Saint Joseph	University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont	Wellesley College	Wentworth Institute of Tech.	West Virginia University
Westfield State University	Western New England University	Wheelock College	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.

**Griswold High School Athletics: (currently limited due to Covid)**

Football	Cross Country
Volleyball	Wrestling
Indoor Track	Lacrosse
Outdoor Track	Soccer
Cheerleading	Basketball
Fencing	Baseball
Golf	Softball